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C O N F I D E N T I A L KARACHI 3352

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, PINT, PK
SUBJ: BENAZIR BHUTTO'S REQUEST TO SEE NEWSOM

1. THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY WHO CAME TO MY RESIDENCE
THE EVENING OF JULY 12, BENAZIR BHUTTO HAS ASKED FOR
AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM,
ACCOMPANIED BY AZIZ AHMED. SHE WANTS TO ACQUAINT THE
UNDER SECRETARY WITH ALL OF THE FACTS SURROUNDING
HER FATHER'S CASE AND GET THE UNDER SECRETARY'S
"ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION."

2. SHE WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET THE UNDER SECRETARY
AT A PLACE CONVENIENT TO HI. BENZIR IS NOW IN
KARACHI BUT WILL VISIT RAWALPINDI TO SEE HER
FATHER JULY 15 AND WHILE THERE WILL STAY AT FLASHMAN'S.
SHE MAKE THE POINT THAT SHE AND AZIZ AHMED WOULD
HAVE TO BE "INVITED" TO SEE NEWSOM. OTHERWISE THEY
WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO APPROACH HIM.
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3. THE INTERMEDIARY WAS MRS. FAKHRI AHMED KHAN, WHO
MADE THE APPROACH TO MY WIFE AS A LONG TIME PERSONAL
FRIEND. I WAS NOT PRESENT. MRS. MOORE SAID ONLY THAT
SHE SUPPOSED WE WOULD FORWARD THE REQUEST THROUGH PROPER
CHANNELS BUT WOULD CONSULT ME. MRS. KHAN INDICATED THAT
RESPONSE COULD BE MADE THROUGH HER IF DESIRED.

4. MRS. KHAN IS NUSRAT BHUTTO'S NIECE. OF IRANIAN BIRTH, SHE IS MARRIED TO GULZAR A. KHAN, A LIFETIME SENIOR PAKISTANI OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF PAKISTAN. HE WAS UNDER SUSPICION FOR A TIME AFTER BHUTTO'S FALL AS A POSSIBLE CONDUIT FOR THE EXPORT OF BHUTTO'S WEALTH, BUT THAT SUSPICION SEEMS TO EXIST NO LONGER. NEITHER HE NOR FAKHRI WAS OR IS POLITICALLY ACTIVE. THEIR CONNECTION WITH BHUTTO SEEMS TO BE ENTIRELY A MATTER OF THE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP. FAKHRI VOLUNTARILY LIVED WITH NUSRAT AND/OR BENAZIR DURING MUCH OF THEIR DETENTION AT 70 FLIFTON TO KEEP THEM COMPANY, BUT NOW SHE AND HER HUSBAND ARE LIVING IN THEIR OWN HOUSE.

5. FAKHRI LEFT WITH MRS. MOORE VARIOUS BOOKLETS AND DOCUMENTS PURPORTING TO PROVE BHUTTO'S INNOCENCE AND GOOD CHARACTER, FOR FORWARDING TO THE UNDER SECRETARY. THEY WILL BE POUCHED JULY 13, ADDRESSED TO KENNON. ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS IS BHUTTO'S MARCH 6 STATEMENT TO THE LAHORE HIGH COURT.

6. FAKHRI ALSO LEFT WITH US A SMALL CRATE OF MANGOES, REPORTEDLY AT BENAZIR'S INSISTENCE, AS A PRESENT FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY. GIVING GIFTS OF MANGOES IS A COMMON GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP HERE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.
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